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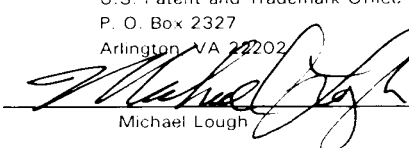
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are an Amendment, responsive to the Office Action mailed May 13, 2002 (19 pages); marked-up claims showing changes made in accord with 37 CFR §1.121 (5 pages); supporting documents (3 pages); a check in the amount \$55 for the fee for a one-month extension of time; and a return postcard. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed August 14, 2002, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1, 12, 13, 19-21, 38, and 40-45 with amended claims 1, 12, 13, 19-21, 38, and 40-45 as follows:

1. (2x Amended) A method for identifying a biological sample, comprising:
  - generating a data set comprising compositional data regarding the biological sample;
  - denoising the data set to generate denoised data;
  - correcting the baseline from the denoised data to generate an intermediate data set;
  - defining putative peaks for the biological sample;
  - generating a residual baseline